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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION

Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268

Docket RM2017-3 Comments on Postal Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, I'm reaching out today to encourage the Postal Regulatory Commission to preserve Consumer Price Index capped rate increases.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, which was chartered by Congress and funded through private support, is America's only national nonprofit preservation group. Our mission is to strengthen our nation by saving the places where our history happened, so that all people can see their stories in the places around us and spend their lives rooted in the places they love.

Much of our unrestricted revenue is based on membership support – support that is dependent on direct mail. These funds enable us to save America's historic places through our 28 Historic Sites and hands-on work across the country; tell the full American story by uncovering and uplifting the hidden stories and histories of places where generations of trailblazers made their mark; build strong communities by unlocking the potential of historic places to promote prosperity, foster equality, and encourage sustainability; and invest in the future as we build a growing community of champions for America's historic places and equip them with funding, ideas, networks, and inspiration.

The proposed change in the formula used to calculate rate increases could enable a rate hike of up to 40% over the next five years. This increase would directly impact the volume of mail the National Trust is able to send out each year, in turn limiting our resources and reducing our ability to take direct action to rescue national icons, help Americans protect and restore our history and culture, and preserve the places that matter to them.

We urge you to preserve the existing CPI-based cap and reject the proposed rate increases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hillary Baar".

Hillary Baar  
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